



Oakridge Air Declaration of Continued Cooperation

The Oakridge Air program supports the Oakridge-Westfir airshed and community by connecting residents with resources that improve the area's air quality. Home heating upgrades, community firewood, code enforcement support and education are among the resources provided. For smoke intrusion events such as wildfires we also provide air purifiers to those that need refuge. The program is an amalgam of local and national grant programs but is anchored by EPA Targeted Airshed Grant funding.

Oakridge Air includes the following project areas:

1. **Home Heating Upgrades:** Provide more than 145 homes with certified woodstoves, weatherization and alternative electric heat (ductless or ducted heat pumps).
2. **Community Firewood Program:** Provide clean, seasoned wood to community, particularly senior, disabled, and low-income residents. Complement program outreach with education on clean burning and access to proper storage (e.g., woodsheds).
3. **Local Code Enforcement:** Fund designated code enforcement officer to provide education focused diversion program to community to improve burning practices (woodstove, backyard burning, Firewise).
4. **School Education:** Develop and deliver air quality lessons and class activities for local schools.
5. **Cleaner Indoor Air:** Maintain HVAC and air filtration systems in public buildings to serve as cleaner air spaces for regular use but particularly during dangerous smoke events. Distribute and maintain portable air purifiers directly to community members, particularly those that are at higher risk for respiratory and cardiac issues.
6. **Air Quality Monitoring:** Conduct daily PM_{2.5} monitoring with EPA approved systems. Continue health data analysis to compare health outcomes to smoke PM data.
7. **Coordination and Project Management:** Facilitate program management, inter-agency coordination and collaboration. Conduct communications, outreach and education that complements the goals and project areas of the entire Oakridge Air program.

As of June 2021, each of these project areas are well underway, but none of it would be possible without the immense amount of collaboration and support from stakeholders and partners. The following stakeholders certify that they are invested in the continued success of the Oakridge Air program and will maintain ongoing participation in the areas relevant to them. These partners signed on the 2017 Declaration of Cooperation, following an Oregon Solutions project, and remain committed to supporting the air quality goals of the community as part of this EPA Targeted Airshed Grant funding.

Continued Collaborators and Partners:

- Bryan Cutchen, City Administrator, City of Oakridge
- Kathy Holston, Mayor of Oakridge
- Steve Dietrich, Director, Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA)
- Travis Knudsen, Public Affairs Manager, Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA)
- Sarah Altemus-Pope, Executive Director, South Willamette Solutions (SWS) & Facilitator, Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative (SWFC)
- Dillon Sanders, Owner, Inbound, LLC – Community Firewood Program
- Mary Camarata, Regional Solutions Coordinator, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- Sarah Means, Coordinator, South Valley-Mid Coast Regional Solutions Team
- Austin Ramirez, Manager, Lane County Community and Economic Development
- Molly Juillerat, District Ranger, U.S. Forest Service
- Dov Weinman, Executive Director, Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council
- Esteban Chacon, Energy Services Director, Homes for Good
- John Murray, Energy Services Representative, Lane Electric Cooperative
- Joshua Proudfoot, Oakridge Air Program Manager & Principal, Good Company
- Justin Overdevest, Oakridge Air Program Manager & Senior Associate, Good Company
- Louisa de Heer, Oakridge Air Program Manager & Associate, Good Company

